



STATE OF HAWAII
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HAWAII BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT PROGRAM PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

Who does the program affect?

All Hawaii beverage manufacturers and distributors need to register with the Department of Health (DOH). The term "distributor" includes any business that *imports* eligible beverages into the state. This includes traditional beverage distributors and wholesalers as well as retailers that may import beverages directly. This does not include airlines and shipping companies that merely transport the beverages into the state. Military entities are not exempt from the deposit program.

The businesses that register with the DOH will be responsible for paying a container fee on each eligible beverage container that is manufactured or imported into the state. The fee is currently set at $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ per container. The in-state business that manufactures the beverage, or is responsible for importing an eligible beverage, is responsible for payment of the container fee. On October 1, 2004, the handling fee for the deposit program will increase to 1.0¢ per container.

If you are aware of businesses that may need to be registered for the deposit program, please notify the Department of Health (DOH).

Payments

Eligible businesses are required to pay the container fee on all eligible beverage containers either manufactured or imported into the State after October 1, 2002. The fee applies to most plastic, and all metal deposit beverage containers less than or equal to sixty-four fluid ounces in size. Beverage types covered by the program include: water, soda, beer, mixed spirits, mixed wine, tea and coffee drinks as well as all non-alcoholic drinks. Examples of beverages that are not included in the program include milk, wine, drink concentrates, frozen products, flavorings and drugs.

The fee does *not* apply to glass beverage containers *at this time*. Please see the section entitled "Effects on the Glass ADF Program" for further explanation of how glass containers will be handled under the new system.

Payments are due 15 days after the end of each monthly reporting period. For example, the fee payment for containers manufactured or imported during the month of October is due by November 15.

The DOH will not be assessing any fines for late registration, but container fees will be collected retroactively to October 1, 2002.

Fee Calculation

Registered businesses are required to pay the ½¢ container fee on the net amount of containers that they manufacture or import into the state.

No fee will be assessed on containers that are manufactured in Hawaii that are then exported out of the state for sale.

Effects on the Glass Advance Disposal Fee (ADF) Program

The Glass ADF Program, which is also administered by the DOH, will remain unchanged at this time. If you are currently paying the 1½¢ per glass container fee, please continue to do so.

The ½¢ container fee that began on October 1, 2002 applies only to *metal* and *plastic* deposit beverage containers. *Glass* beverage containers will remain under the Glass ADF program until October 1, 2004, at which time they will be transferred to the deposit program. Beginning October 1, 2004, the container fee for the deposit program will increase to 1.0¢ per container.

The two programs are, and will remain, distinct and separate. They have been designed to run parallel to each other. At no time will dual fees be applied to a single container.

Questions?

This information sheet is intended to provide general program information to businesses. Please contact the Office of Solid Waste Management at (808) 586-4226 with any questions.

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